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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
COUNTY FARM, SHERIFF, COUNTY TREAS-
URER, JAILER, PHYSICIAN, CHAPLAIN,
CLERK OF THE COURT, COUNTY
SOLICITOR AND AUDITORS.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.



LACONIA, N. H.

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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT, Laconia;
STEPHEN L. WEEKS, Gilmanton;
*JONATHAN C. SHANNON, Laconia;
**WALTER C. WYATT, Tilton.

TREASUER

CHARLES J. HAYFORD, Laconia.

SOLICITOR

FLETCHER HALE, Laconia.

SHERIFFS

*LESTER PHILBROOK, Laconia;
**FREDERICK D. ELLIOTT.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

JUDGE OF PROBATE

FRANK P. TILTON, Laconia.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

THOMAS C. HILL, Laconia.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

HERBERT M. THYNG, New Hampton.

AUDITORS

OSCAR L. YOUNG, Laconia
HERBERT J. JONES, Alton.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND DEPUTY JAILER

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER, Laconia.

PHYSICIAN AT COUNTY FARM

HENRY C. WELLS, M. D., Laconia.

*Term expired April 1, 1917.

**Term began April 1, 1917.

CHAPLAIN

REV. E. H. PRESCOTT, Laconia.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

*CALVIN JENKINS, Barnstead;

*DEARBORN F. CAVERLY, Meredith;

JOHN H. LYFORD, Belmont;

ORVIS A. PLUMMER, Tilton;

*WILLIAM H. PHILBROOK, Laconia.

**EDWIN H. KENNEDY, Lakeport;

**OLIN L. PHILBROOK, Meredith;

**CHARLES E. THYNG, Barnstead;

**OSCAR E. DAVIS, Alton.

MEDICAL REFEREE

EDWIN P. HODGDON, M. D., Lakeport.

Belknap County Convention, 1917 and 1918.

Alton	William R. Clough
Barnstead	George J. Whitney
Belmont	Jason H. Cotton
Center Harbor	Leonard B. Morrill
Gilford	Orman M. Sanborn
Gilmanton	Royal L. Page
Laconia, Ward 1	John T. Dodge
“ “ 2	William B. Johnson
“ “ 2	Arthur W. Spring
“ “ 3	Thomas H. Lowe
“ “ 4	Edwin H. Shannon
“ “ 4	William F. Seaverns
“ “ 5	Archie B. Sanborn
“ “ 5	Frank E. Pearson
“ “ 6	George B. Munsey
“ “ 6	Simon A. Whitten
Meredith	Dudley Leavitt
New Hampton	Guy B. Torsey
Sanbornton	Robert M. Wright
Tilton	Charles E. Tilton
Tilton	Herman Page

*Term expired April 1, 1917.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of New Hampshire, your Commissioners herewith submit the report of their financial transactions for the year ending December 31, 1917, and a statement of the financial condition of the county at the end of the year, together with the reports of the other county officers required by law. Attention is called to these reports for detailed information regarding the work done in different departments of the county's business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Batchelder, as superintendent and matron of the farm, alms-house and house of correction, have demonstrated their qualifications for the positions they hold by the manner in which they have met and solved the many unusual problems with which they have been confronted during the past year.

The farm crops were good with the exception of potatoes, which were damaged on account of weather conditions.

A five-acre piece of winter rye produced 163 bushels of grain, which has been of much value on account of the shortage of wheat.

As might be expected there has been an increase in running expenses in all departments of the county's work over those of last year.

As we were not at war when the year's appropriation was made, it was made for peace conditions, and many of the conditions that we have been obliged to meet were

not in evidence at that time and were not considered in making the appropriations, but for a large part of the year have drawn heavily on the county's finances and occasioned the hiring of more money than usual in anticipation of taxes.

There has been a marked decrease in the number of house of correction prisoners, which made it necessary to hire help to do the work which the prisoners have usually done.

We purchased a manure spreader, reaper and a hay fork, which solved the help question in those particular lines of work, without which much of the work could not have been done at the proper time.

The interior of the inmate's departments, including the women's dining room, have been repaired and put in first-class condition and a number of other improvements made, at an expense of \$2,378.01.

A telephone system has been installed at the farm, and has proved itself a valuable asset in the efficient conduct of the work of the institution.

The appropriation has been \$32,000.00 for the past ten years. Previous to 1909 it varied from \$30,000.00 to \$35,500.00, according to the conditions the county had to meet. It is evident if the present high prices continue that it will be impossible to meet the running expenses without an increased appropriation.

Recent acts of the Legislature have also placed new financial burdens upon the county which must be added to the usual expenses.

We wish to express our most hearty thanks to the various county, city and town officials and all other citizens who in any way have rendered assistance to the county or those whom the county has been called on to aid.

Following is the amount of the appropriations for each of the past twenty years:

COUNTY TAX

1898.....	\$30,000	1908.....	\$31,000
1899.....	30,500	1909.....	32,000
1900.....	30,000	1910.....	32,000
1901.....	35,500	1911.....	32,000
1902.....	35,500	1912.....	32,000
1903.....	31,000	1913.....	32,000
1904.....	30,000	1914.....	32,000
1905.....	30,000	1915.....	32,000
1906.....	30,000	1916.....	32,000
1907.....	31,000	1917.....	32,000

EXTERNAL POOR ACCOUNT.

Amount Paid For Support of Paupers and Soldiers
and Their Families, Off the Farm, For the
Year Ending December 31, 1917.

ALTON.

Transient	\$37 20	
		\$37 20

BELMONT.

Transient	\$550 83	
		\$550 83

CENTER HARBOR.

Transient	\$140 00	
		\$140 00

GILMANTON.

Transient	\$139 89	
Laura Page	113 50	
		\$253 39

LACONIA.

Transient	\$6192 08	
Joseph Britton	497 64	
Martha Martin	52 35	
Nellie Tasker	51 00	
Cora Seeley	172 08	
Sarah Guilford	91 50	
Martha Huckins	19 50	
Ida Shute	70 50	
Phillias Conture	416 02	
Soldiers and their families	156 35	
		\$7719 02

MEREDITH.

Transient	\$141 85	
Eliza Brown	156 00	
Soldiers and their families	114 73	
		\$412 58

NEW HAMPTON.

Transient	\$12 00	
		\$12 00

SANBORNTON.

Transient	\$248 35	
Edwin Johnson	51 85	
Soldiers and their families	84 25	
		\$384 45

TILTON.

Transient	\$1016 28	
		\$1016 28

EXTERNAL POOR.

Total Amounts Paid Out in the Several Towns and the
City of Laconia for Support of Poor for the Year:

Alton	\$37 20	
Barnstead		
Belmont	550 83	
Center Harbor	140 00	
Gilford		
Gilmanton	253 39	
Laconia	7719 02	
Meredith	412 58	
New Hampton	12 00	
Sanbornton	384 45	
Tilton	1016 28	
		\$10525 75
Deduct collections on above accounts		303 47
Actual net cost to Belknap County..		\$10222 28

COUNTY FARM.

Itemized Accounts of Bills for County Farm, House of
Correction and Jail For the Year Ending
December 31, 1917.

JANUARY SETTLEMENT.

Fred A. Young, insurance	\$49 50
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	28 38
Laconia Water Co., service	435 91
B. C. Farmer Association, grain	82 51
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., pay roll	200 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid sundries	12 75
W. A. Moore, shoes	12 80
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware ..	3 60
Wallace Building Co., labor	33 75
Armour & Co., beans	20 00
Lougee-Robinson & Co., furnishings.	19 82
J. L. Meserve, smith work	12 70
Swift & Co., provisions	76 83
F. S. Roberts, meat	32 73
John S. Wallis, plow point	1 40
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	5 93
Boulia Gorrell Co., storm windows ..	113 85
C. E. Pinkham, provisions	28 64
M. M. Cole, making cider	1 20
Frederick C. Small & Co., groceries..	4 34
J. S. Morrill, grain and flour	546 10
Laurence Baldi, tobacco	15 48
J. Henry Story, medicine	3 30
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	6 72

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S. D. McGloughlin & Co., fuel	340 68	
H. S. Chase, footwear	5 63	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	10 55	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	2 12	
Alfred P. Batchelder, cash paid chap- lain	37 50	
		\$2146 72

FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT

H. C. Wells, M. D., 1/2 medical con- tract	\$75 00
H. C. Wells, M. D., returning births and deaths	75
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain..	128 51
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	25 41
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., pay roll	200 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid sundries	6 32
J. Henry Story, medicine	7 45
N. H. State Hospital, brooms	11 25
J. S. Morrill, grain	49 10
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	6 85
Laurence Baldi, sugar and tobacco ..	72 79
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	14 00
A. L. Morrison, repairing sleds	6 85
F. S. Roberts, meat	17 35
R. F. Moore, D. V. S., services	4 00
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	4 43
C. A. French, manure	39 00
C. A. French, use of boar	2 00
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	23 03
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber, etc.	5 27

Swift & Co., provisions	109 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	2 82
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00

\$813 18

MARCH SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$24 20
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., lamps	8 75
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., payroll.	188 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid	
sundries	5 23
Peoples Market, meat	15 55
Laurence Baldi, potatoes	120 00
Laurence Baldi, oranges	1 75
Laurence Baldi, tobacco	6 30
Dennis O. Shea, hat	1 25
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	3 70
Cook's Lumber Co., mdse.	4 25
Swift & Co., meat	48 27
H. C. Wells, manure	54 43
A. T. Quimby & Son, hardware	2 87
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea and	
coffee	46 70
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings ..	39 45
F. S. Roberts, meat	22 40
J. S. Morrill, grain	13 30
D. W. Leroux, sawdust	3 25
H. S. Chase, footwear	23 68
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	3 25
J. L. Roberts, fuel	4 50

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B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	66 65*
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	5 48

\$715 21

APRIL SETTLEMENT.

S. L. Weeks, 2 gals. maple syrup ..	\$3 00
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	44 90
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	16 80
A. C. S. Randlett, seed corn	9 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., 1/4 salary	250 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., payroll..	169 33
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid	
sundries	20 07
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	6 25
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings ..	1 18
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	6 40
F. S. Roberts, meat	37 39
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	5 48
Cook's Lumber Co., sawdust	3 00
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	3 25
Laurence Baldi, tobacco	3 84
Smith & Son, crackers	14 35
J. S. Morrill, grain	78 83
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	4 21
C. E. Pinkham, provisions	36 97
H. S. Chase, shoes	5 20
U. S. Envelope Co., toilet paper ..	14 50
Swift & Co., provisions	92 25
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	10 95
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	91 95
Citizens' Telephone Co., service	2 00
Winnetoesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 22
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	6 22
J. Henry Story, medicine	21 20

J. Henry Story, medicine	6 45	
L. H. Wilkinson, burial H. Hurlburt	24 00	
L. H. Wilkinson, burial Mrs. Charles Twombly	25 00	
S. L. Weeks, 2 gals. maple syrup ..	3 00	
		\$1019 19

MAY SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$10 32
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., coal	631 99
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 93
S. L. Weeks, 2 bushels seed potatoes	6 00
A. P. Batchelder, supt., payroll	132 34
A. P. Batchelder, supt., cash pd. sun- dries	13 59
Thompson & Hoague, manure spreader	130 00
Thompson & Hoague, grindstone...	4 75
W. F. Seaverns, papering	9 35
Laurence Baldi, sugar and tobacco	138 34
F. S. Roberts, meat	13 99
J. Henry Story, medicine	1 15
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	8 48
F. L. Brown, hams	4 30
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	7 22
Cook's Lumber Co., custom sawing	29 14
J. S. Morrill, grain	49 68
Dennis O'Shea, clothing	39 55
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	11 75
W. A. Moore, footwear	10 20
Swift & Co., meat	108 59
D. W. Leroux, sled turn	2 00
The Warrell Mfg. Co., disinfectant..	20 00
E. J. Dinsmore, harness repair	5 80

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Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings ..	15 32	
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	58 68	
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	6 55	
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	70 80	
		\$1544 81

JUNE SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$7 67	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	4 42	
Alfred P. Batchelder, payroll	171 67	
Alfred P. Batchelder, cash paid sundries	11 65	
Swift & Co., provisions	22 27	
Rand & Dearborn, grass seed	4 50	
Cash Market, meat	10 25	
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	3 40	
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea and coffee	69 77	
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	4 45	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	4 71	
F. S. Roberts, meat	21 89	
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	1 10	
J. Henry Story, medicine	8 13	
Laurence Baldi, tobacco	3 84	
R. W. Smith, D. V. M., services..	2 60	
J. S. Morrill, grain	82 77	
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings..	14 65	
Thompson & Hoague, hardware	14 02	
H. C. Sanborn, hardware	2 35	
W. D. Veazey, driving horse	250 00	
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	27 50	
		\$745 61

JULY SETTLEMENT.

H. C. Wells, M. D., $\frac{1}{2}$ medical contract	\$75 00
Bowker Fertilizer Co., fertilizer ..	94 42
B. C. Farmers' Association, oats ..	40 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., payroll..	190 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid sundries	8 87
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., $\frac{1}{4}$ salary	250 00
J. Henry Story, medicine	9 60
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware.....	4 90
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	6 51
E. J. Dinsmore, harness repairs....	18 45
Cudahy Packing Co., soap	16 50
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., coffee pots..	4 00
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	14 28
C. E. Pinkham, provisions	11 33
J. S. Morrill, grain	30 04
H. C. Wells, M. D., manure	39 00
Swift & Co., provisions	27 36
F. S. Roberts, meat	24 46
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	1 40
N. Y. Clothing Co., clothing	20 34
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	6 76
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	9 77
Laconia Water Co., service	175 00
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00
Winnetoesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 62
Rev. E. H. Prescott, chaplain	25 00
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	14 45
	\$1122 06

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AUGUST SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	\$7 54
Lee Hutchins, reaper	100 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt, payroll..	206 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid sundries	9 46
Laurence Baldi, groceries & tobacco	53 64
Swift & Co., provisions	124 04
F. S. Roberts, meat	22 88
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	8 03
Thompson & Hoague, binder twine..	5 50
N. H. State Hospital, brushes	6 25
J. Henry Story, medicine	14 20
C. E. Pinkham, provisions	31 07
Rev. E. R. Caswell, services	2 00
J. S. Morrill, grain	19 06
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	9 31
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	3 10
Cash Market, meat	15 53
W. A. Moore, shoes and repairs	35 27
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	2 05
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00
A. H. Britton, hay carrier	79 75
A. H. Britton, mowing machine	56 00
Winnetoesaukee Tel. Co., service....	3 03
Earl Flanders, recording deaths	1 95
R. W. Smith, manure	16 50

\$834 16

SEPTEMBER SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service ..	\$7 93
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., coal	532 98
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., payroll..	190 00

Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid	
sundries	3 48
J. S. Morrill, grain	102 52
Albert A. Smith, merchandise	14 55
Laurence Baldi, tobacco & provisions	20 06
Swift & Co., provisions and meat..	104 72
C. E. Pinkham, provisions	5 28
Frederick C. Small & Co., tea and	
coffee	71 74
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	3 45
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	3 53
H. C. Sanborn, glass jars	6 25
J. L. Meserve, Smithwork	30 92
J. Henry Story, medicine	19 10
Lougee-Robinson Co., window shades	6 00
F. S. Roberts, meat	20 70
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware....	9 23
Citizens Telephone Co., service	2 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 12
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain..	22 75
	\$1179 31

OCTOBER SETTLEMENT.

J. E. Bisson, supplies	\$8 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., payroll..	190 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid	
sundries	20 05
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., $\frac{1}{4}$ salary	250 00
S. L. Weeks, lamb	3 07
Smith's Variety Store, plates	1 80
Peoples Market, meat	15 30
Swift & Co., meat and provisions ..	94 73
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	25 11
J. Henry Story, medicine	7 05

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J. S. Morrill, grain	86 10
F. W. Friend, threshing, etc.	48 83
E. J. Dinsmore, harness repairs	5 15
R. F. Moore, D. V. S., services	7 70
M. A. Knowles, potatoes	11 50
W. A. Moore, shoes	30 75
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	22 14
Lougee-Robinson Co., furnishings ..	19 21
Cash Market, meat	15 00
Laurence Baldi, tobacco	11 26
Heard's Insurance Agency, ins. on boilers	90 90
A. L. Morrison, wagon repairs	8 00
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	5 65
S. D. McGloughlin & Co., coal	1430 97
W. H. Martin, repairs	13 13
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	14 40
Rand & Dearborn, grass seed	6 20
Interlaken Grange, use of tableware	2 00
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain ..	116 05
Citizens Telephone Co., service	2 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	5 45
M. A. Knowles, potatoes	150 00
John A. Mathes, sawdust	50 00
Warrell Mfg. Co., disinfectant	18 87
\$2786 37	

NOVEMBER SETTLEMENT.

Seventh Adventist Church, use of chairs	\$ 50
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	5 37
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	20 28
Edmund Quimby, collector, Meredith taxes	13 12

A. P. Batchelder, supt., payroll	186 00
A. P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid sundries	3 93
F. S. Roberts, September meat	14 72
F. S. Roberts, October meat	26 12
J. B. Adams, ham	22 25
Lougee-Robinson Co., rug	98
Winnetoesaukee Tel. Co., service . .	2 62
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	1 15
Laurence Baldi, tobacco	4 86
Swift & Co., meat	87 68
J. Henry Story, medicine	10 60
R. W. Smith, D. V. S., services . . .	2 00
J. S. Morrill, grain	92 20
Frederick C. Small & Co., provisions	41 06
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	9 20
Fred A. Young, insurance	247 50
Henry C. Tate, painting wagons . . .	11 00
Arthur F. Clough, examination . . .	1 00
B. C. Farmers' Association, grain . .	93 45
Martha E. Johnson, collector, taxes	535 68

\$1435 27

DECEMBER SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$30 80
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., payroll . .	210 00
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., cash paid sundries	12 13
Swift & Co., meat and provisions . .	67 68
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	11 00
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	10 20
F. S. Roberts, meat	23 24
Lougee-Robinson Co., pails	3 75

Albert A. Smith, blankets	6 40	
E. W. Heard, furniture	2 75	
J. Henry Story, medicine	4 50	
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	10 08	
Cudahy Packing Co., wash'g powder	12 00	
South Main Market, provisions....	11 10	
John R. Dearborn, repairs	2 35	
Orman T. Lougee, clothing	16 27	
H. C. Wells, manure	32 00	
J. L. Meserve, smithwork	9 63	
Laurence Baldi, sugar	9 00	
J. S. Morrill, grain	141 21	
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., lamps	9 00	
Alfred P. Batchelder, supt., $\frac{1}{4}$		
salary	250 00	
W. A. Plummer, pasturing	32 50	
U. S. Envelope Co., toilet paper....	14 50	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	2 00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service....	2 52	
Rev. E. H. Prescott, services as chap-		
lain	16 67	
Fred A. Young, insurance	54 30	
John Morrisy, plumbing	2 30	
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., Cypress		
tank	27 35	
S. L. Weeks, meat	5 52	
		\$1042 75
Total for the year		\$15,384 64

COURT HOUSE
January Settlement.

N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage ..	\$10 00
E. P. Thompson, N. H. laws	10 00
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	4 09

Laconia Water Co., service	27 70
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	3 25
E. G. Baker & Co., supplies	73
W. D. Huse & Son, repairs	9 03
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	50
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	90
Citizens Telephone Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service....	2 25

 \$99 45

February Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$5 26
Oscar A. Lougee, towels	1 41
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 94
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 20
S. L. Weeks, wood	18 00

 \$69 54

March Settlement.

N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage ...	\$10 00
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	4 74
W. B. Fellows, insurance	12 00
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 91
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 15
F. G. Beaman, repairing clock	1 00

 \$72 80

April Settlement.

S. L. Weeks, wood	\$18 00
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., gas	45
Laconia Gas & Elec. Co., electricity	5 07
Lougee Robinson Co., curtains	8 10

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Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	3 13
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware ..	28
W. D. Sanborn, electrical work....	1 90
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 25
N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage ..	10 00

\$89 18

May Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$3 28
Weeks Bros., printing	8 60
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	3 19
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 30

\$57 37

June Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Elec. Co., gas	\$ 48
Laconia Gas & Elec. Co., electricity	1 57
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	4 47
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	85
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	2 25

\$50 62

July Settlement.

N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage	\$10 00
Oscar A. Lougee, dry goods	29
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	3 15
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	1 66
Laconia Water Co., service	5 00
John Morrissey, plumbing	50
Lougee-Robinson Co., toilet paper..	75

J. S. Chase, janitor and cash paid out	40 85
Pat O'Neil, labor	3 00
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	3 39

 \$69 59

AUGUST SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$1 73
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	3 55
Union Publishing Co., directory	3 00
Citizens Telephone Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	2 65
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 15
Wallace Building Co., coal	257 69
Wilcox Bros., ice	1 55
A. P. Batchelder, delivering coal, 1916	20 00
A. P. Batchelder, delivering coal, 1917	21 25

 \$353 57

SEPTEMBER SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	\$1 45
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	2 55
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 00
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., repairs	1 00
Wilcox Bros., ice	2 90
N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage	10 00

 \$59 90

OCTOBER SETTLEMENT.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service..	\$1 45
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., lamps..	1 50

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W. D. Sanborn, electrical work	1 09	
John W. Mathes, wood	30 00	
John B. Moore, insurance	67 64	
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	6 25	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	75	
Citizens Telephone Co., service . . .	1 00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service . . .	5 30	
W. J. Webster, painting	18 81	
N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage . . .	10 00	
		\$183 79

November Settlement.

A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	\$2 02	
Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	14 73	
J. S. Chase, janitor	41 50	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	2 25	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	1 00	
Wilcox Bros., ice	2 60	
Maher's Bookstore, ink	1 25	
		\$65 35

December Settlement.

Laconia Gas & Electric Co., service	\$11 49	
Wilcox Bros., ice	1 05	
O. T. Muzzy, rope	1 28	
J. S. Chase, janitor	40 00	
J. S. Chase, cash paid out	1 15	
W. D. Huse & Sons, repairs	62	
Citizens Telephone Co., service . . .	1 00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	2 87	
N. J. Dyer, Postmaster, postage ..	15 00	
John Morrissey, plumbing	3 10	
Frank E. Pearson, labor	10 14	
		\$87 70

Total for year	\$1258 86
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JAIL ACCOUNT.

Alfred P. Batchelder, jailor	\$200 00	
		\$200 00

CLERK OF COURT.

Frank Shepard Co., N. H. citations	\$3 00	
Amer. Law Book Co., corpus juris	38 00	
Little, Brown & Co., Mass. reports	7 08	
E. P. Thompson, Vol. 1-2, N. H. laws	10 00	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	35 70	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	12 10	
		\$105 88

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Herbert M. Thyng, indexing	\$36 00	
Herbert M. Thyng, supplies	67 40	
Weeks Bros., printing	44 99	
E. G. Baker & Co., supplies	3 25	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service	22 62	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	12 20	
W. D. Sanborn, repairs	5 80	
Rumford Press, entry book	8 75	
Rumford Press, record book	20 00	
Rumford Press, bookbinding	18 25	
L. K. Perley, plan of township of Meredith	25 00	
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	13 60	
Laconia Press Association, printing	42 10	
		\$319 96

INDEXING ACCOUNT.

Herbert M. Thyng, balance of index- ing	\$41 65	
		\$41 65

REGISTER OF PROBATE.

E. G. Baker & Co., supplies	\$0 50	
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	25 90	
Winnepesaukee Tel. Co., service ..	30 04	
Citizens Tel. Co., service	12 45	
Rumford Press, supplies	7 75	
Weeks Bros., printing	53 26	
Fletcher Hale, typewriter	60 00	
Lougee-Robinson Co., linoleum	112 40	
		\$302 30

COUNTY OFFICERS.

(Salaries Paid by Commissioners)

Lester Philbrook, sheriff	\$100 00	
Frederick D. Elliott, sheriff	100 00	
Charles J. Hayford, treasurer	258 25	
Fletcher Hale, solicitor	500 00	
Oscar L. Young, auditor	25 00	
Herbert J. Jones, auditor	25 00	
		\$1008 25

MEDICAL REFEREE.

E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of E. G. Gammon	\$6 68	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Frank Durrell	5 72	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Forest L. Merrill	5 06	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Joseph Nault	5 18	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Edgar S. Hodgdon	6 08	
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Geo. E. Jenness	6 14	

E. P. Hodgdon, M. D. case of Nancy A. Noyes	5 36
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Agnes McDonald	5 42
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Annie Alward	7 04
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Georgia Garland	6 08
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Grace E. Woodward	5 54
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Georgia Fitts	8 06
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of John Halie	6 32
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Edward Batchelder	6 32
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Margaret Hurd	5 18
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Alice B. Richards	81 44
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Charles Henry Sheehan	5 12
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Frederick P. Frame	7 64
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Geo. Frank Blake	7 46
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Wm. Rowen	5 18
E. P. Hodgdon, M. D., case of Luther Morrison	5 60

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FARM IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

F. E. Pearson, labor	\$656 22	
A. C. S. Randlett, express paid	10 82	
George C. Sanborn, tel. system	85 00	
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	152 61	
Dexter Brothers, paint	98 28	
General Contracting Co., labor and material	186 71	
L. D. King, painting	182 06	
Geo. C. Sanborn, electrical work ..	260 99	
Berger Mfg. Co., steel ceilings	424 00	
B. & M. R. R., freight	5 36	
A. H. Britton & Co., hardware	74 50	
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	44 08	
Waldo Bros. Inc., steel columns....	61 24	
W. F. Seaverns, paper hanging	7 95	
W. D. Huse & Sons, plumbing	22 56	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	48 94	
Boulia Gorrell Co., glass	13 46	
Geo. H. Mitchell Co., hardware ..	2 99	
Page & Bushman, work on pipes ..	4 69	
John M. Guay, paint	17 55	
Albert H. Dow, architect	18 00	
		\$2378 01

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

Art Metal Construction Co., filing case for Reg. Deeds office	\$155 00	
		\$155 00

FARM BUREAU ACCOUNT.

Paid H. M. Thying, secy. and treas. for County Agent work	\$1200 00	
		\$1200 00

MAURICE P. BRADFORD ACCOUNT.

George H. Clark, guarding camp ..	\$57 00	
Frank Tilton, guarding prisoner	48 00	
Philip Holahan, guarding prisoner ..	1 20	
David M. Swain, guarding prisoner	31 80	
Walter Tate, guarding prisoner ..	7 50	
Jack Hawkins, guarding prisoner ..	1 00	
Frank Shepherd, guarding prisoner.	4 25	
George W. Batchelder, guarding prisoner	30 00	
Laconia Tavern Garage, auto hire..	7 00	
O'Shea Furniture Co., trunk	9 80	
		\$197 55

LIGHTNING DAMAGE, COURT HOUSE.

Cook's Lumber Co., lumber	\$7 97	
Wallace Building Co., roofing paper	6 75	
Wallace Roofing Co., slate	50 90	
George H. Mitchell Co., cement and labor	4 85	
A. C. S. Randlett, slate	15 00	
W. F. Webster, painting	10 93	
Frank E. Pearson, labor and material	219 34	
Henry H. Stone, mason work	88 13	
A. T. Quinby & Son, hardware	5 13	
		\$409 00

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By refund from insurance companies	409 00
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DEPENDENT BLIND.

Margaret Crossman	\$106 25	
Ira Arlin	82 00	
Thomas Rayno	51 64	
Andrew Anderson	16 00	
		\$255 89

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MISCELLANEOUS.

John A. McLane, fees	\$1 00
Daniel Finn, circulars	2 50
C. A. French, barge and teams	19 00
Weeks Brothers, printing reports ..	101 40
American Express Co., express	1 14
E. N. Fielding, services	18 20
Fletcher Hale, legal expenses	16 78
Edson H. Patch, cash paid out for legislative services	20 00
Fletcher Hale, 30 copies of brief ..	6 50
A. A. Bennett, auto hire	6 00
J. F. Trask, trucking	3 00
Ayers Garage, auto hire	5 00
Transportation	73 50
	\$274 02

SUMMARY.

Poor off the farm	\$10,525 75
Almshouse, House of Correction and jail	15,384 64
Court House account	1258 86
Salary of jailer	200 00
Clerk of Court	105 88
Register of Deeds	319 96
Indexing account	41 65
Reg. Probate	302 30
* County Officers, paid by Coms.	1008 25
Medical Reference	202 62
Farm Improvement Account	2378 01
Permanent Improvement Account ..	155 00
Farm Bureau	1200 00
Maurice P. Bradford	197 55
Damage by lightning	409 00
Dependent blind	255 89
Miscellaneous	274 02
	\$34,219 38

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE COUNTY FARM.

Live stock	\$4633 75
Farm produce	2161 30
Grains and feed	43 70
Fuel and lumber	1619 25
Farming tools	1506 25
Provisions	1228 42
Dry goods and clothing	450 00
Jail furniture	331 05
Household furniture	4475 08
Miscellaneous	1875 60
	\$18,324 40

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Of Belknap County at Close of Business Dec. 31, 1917.

ASSETS.

County Farm and buildings	\$70,000 00
Wood lot in Meredith	300 00
Court House and lot	35,000 00
Personal property at County Farm	18,324 40
Personal property at Court House	6655 00
Due for board, etc.	490 00
Cash on hand	7337 83
	\$138,107 23

LIABILITIES.

Due at Laconia National Bank ...	\$12,000 00
Due at Iona Savings Bank	3090 00
	\$15,090 00

Net assets Dec. 31, 1917	\$123,017 23
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT,

STEPHEN L. WEEKS,

WALTER C. WYATT,

Commissioners of Belknap County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Commissioners of Belknap County :

I herewith submit to you my report of the Belknap County Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail, for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Inmates Supported at Belknap County Farm for the
Year 1917.

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wks.	dys.
Adams, Margaret	62	Alton	At farm	52	1
Ames, Addison E.	77	Gilford	" "	26	4
Bunker, Charles	62	New Hampton	" "	52	1
Brown, Percy	40	Alton	" "	52	1
Blaisdell, John	70	Laconia	" "	52	1
Bugbee, Selim	81	"	Dis. May 28	21	1
Burroughs, George	71	Barnstead	At farm	52	1
Burroughs, Cedilia	68	"	" "	52	1
Briquanier, Delia	38	Laconia	" "	12	2
Cole, Eliza	30	Sanbornton	" "	52	1
Carrignant, Felix	56	Laconia	" "	52	1
Chamberlain, Eliz.	52	"	" "	52	1
Calef, Charles	66	Meredith	" "	52	1
Chabot, Stamulas	77	Laconia	Died Nov. 21	38	1
Currier, Delia	78	"	Dis. June 27	10	3
Davis, Frank	65	Gilford	Died Feb. 17	6	5
Eaton, Henry	45	Laconia	At farm	5	6
Foster, Louisa	66	Gilford	Died Jan. 9	1	2
Fox, Lizzie	60	Laconia	At farm	26	4
Gilman, Belle	48	Gilmanton	" "	52	1
Guy, Walter	30	"	" "	52	1
Hayes, Lillian	50	Alton	" "	52	1
Hubbard, Harriet	79	Laconia	Died Feb. 19		
Hussey, Stephen	80	Gilmanton	At farm	52	1
Hamel, Viola	4	Tilton	" "	52	1

Name	Age	Where from	Disch'd or died	wks.	dys.
Hannaford, Frank	48	Sanbornton	Dis. Apr. 30	17	1
Hargraves, John	76	Transient	" May 18	19	5
Hilliard, Clarence	13	Meredith	" June 18	6	4
Hilliard, Sidney S.	11	"	" June 19	6	5
Hilliard, Geo. W.	6	"	" June 19	6	5
Hayford, Herbert	56	Laconia	" July 17		4
Hannaford, Agnes	37	Meredith	" Aug. 18	3	5
Hall, Henry	70	Sanbornton	" Nov. 19	10	4
Hill, Lizzie L.	69	Gilmanton	At farm	11	5
Johnson, Mabel	27	Meredith	" "	52	1
Jacques, Anna	28	Laconia	" "	52	1
Jacques, Alphonse	4	"	Dis. July 20	28	5
Martin, Roger	27	Gorham, N. H.	At farm	2	2
Marden, Cora	50	Laconia	Died Sep. 18	24	3
Nutter, Emery	53	Gilmanton	Dis. Mar. 23		4
Osgood, Eben	84	Sanbornton	At farm	52	1
Page, Jaradene	67	Meredith	" "	52	1
Perron, Napoleon	60	Belmont	" "	52	1
Prescott, Charles	62	Alton	" "	52	1
Perry, Delia	49	Laconia	" "	20	
Richardson, Jas. W.	64	East Tilton	" "	52	1
Swain, Arthur	57	Sanbornton	" "	52	1
Stent, Henry	79	Belmont	" "	52	1
Smith, Lillian	37	Laconia	Dis. Mar. 14	3	
Twombly, Mary L.	78	Gilmanton	Died Mar. 5	9	1
Warren, Charles	60	"	At farm	52	1
Wilkinson, Ira J.	84	Center Harbor	Died Dec. 16	7	6

Number of weeks board furnished inmates 1,632

BOARDERS AT FARM.

	Wks.	Dys.
Abbott, James	15	2
Allen, Levi	10	

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Carroll, Timothy	48	
Folsom, John	52	1
Fogg, William, died July 22	2	1
Gove, Frank P.	48	6
Greene, Sophia	28	1
Hale, Mary J., died Feb. 20	4	5
Hilliard, Orrin, died Sept. 25	5	3
Hannaford, George	52	1
Marden, Cora	12	6
Ordway, William	52	1
Ritter, Lucy	52	1
Ward, Noah, died March 10	10	
Number weeks board furnished boarders	394	

(This item 394 weeks is not included in computing cost of board of paupers, as the farm is credited with the amount received in cash for care of these parties.)

SUMMARY.

Number of inmates, including boarders, Jan. 1, 1917...	41
Number admitted during year	24
Whole number during year	65
Number discharged during year	15
Number died	11
Number at farm Dec. 31, 1917	39

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Prisoners committed to the House of Correction for the year 1917:

Name	Where Committed from	Wks.	Dys.
Arthur Fuller	Laconia	4	6
Dennis Grogan	Laconia	8	5
Horace Glidden	Laconia	3	3
Charles Wilson	Laconia	4	
William Grant	Tilton	14	1
Burt Pratt	Laconia	6	4
James Robinson	Laconia	11	2

Patrick Riley	Tilton	3	5
John Barry	Laconia	2	1
Michael Flarity	Laconia	2	1
Thomas Russell	Laconia	2	1
Edward Creedon	Laconia	3	3
Dwight J. Parker	Tilton	1	4
James Thomas	Laconia	4	2
John Come	Barnstead		1
William Flavin	Tilton	4	1
Fred Boudreau	Tilton	4	1
Walter Mayshiel	Tilton	4	1
John Girard	Tilton	4	1
John Jameson	Tilton	4	1
Frank Wallace	Laconia	8	
Thomas Maher	Meredith	5	4
John Murphy	Meredith	5	4
Jeremiah Drummy	Laconia	10	4
Harry Burns	Laconia	1	1
James Robinson	Laconia	12	6
John Murphy	Laconia	1	
David Halbrummer	Meredith	9	
Frank Dickson	Laconia	1	3
Sam J. Gendron	Laconia	10	4
Percy Lowe	Laconia		2
James Crowley	Tilton	3	2
George W. Clarke	Gilford	1	3
Eugene Herbert	Laconia	1	
Number of weeks' board furnished prisoners		165	
Number in House of Correction Jan. 1, 1917			1
Number committed during year			33
Number in House of Correction Dec. 31, 1917 ..			2

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER,
Superintendent.

JAILER'S REPORT.

Number in jail, Jan. 1, 1917	3
Number committed during year	16
Number in jail Dec. 31, 1917	5
Number weeks board furnished prisoners in year 1917	285 3

ALFRED P. BATCHELDER,
Deputy Jailer.

STATEMENT OF FARM ACCOUNT.

Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm, Jan. 1, 1917	\$15,708 86
Amount of orders drawn for all ex- penses at the farm for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917	15,384 64
	————— \$31,093 50
Amount received and paid treasurer for merchandise sold, and for board furnished	\$3,830 84
Amount credited farm for board of prisoners in jail at statutory price	713 57
Amount credited farm for clothing furnished prisoners in jail	102 50
Amount due from various sources for board furnished, etc.	490 00
Inventory of personal property at Belknap County Farm, Dec. 31, 1917	18,324 40
Total credits	————— \$23,461 31
Net cost at farm for year 1917	\$7,632 19
Number of weeks board furnished inmates ...	1,632 wks.
Number of weeks board furnished at the House of Correction	165 wks.
Total number of weeks board furnished	1,797 wks.

Dividing the net cost of board, \$7,632.17, by 1,797, the total number of weeks board furnished, gives \$4.24 plus a fraction, as the average cost of board per week.

In closing my fifth annual report as superintendent of Belknap County Farm, I refer with regret to the increased cost of board; but if the taxpayers will bear in mind that about everything purchased for the farm has increased in

price from fifty percent to one hundred and fifty percent, they will readily see the cause. Then, again, I refer with pride to the commissioners' efforts in making extensive repairs in the inmates rooms, so that at the present time they have very desirable apartments.

I wish to thank the commissioners, County Delegation and all taxpayers for the many improvements that have been made, and the interest they have taken in the welfare of the institution. Also, Mrs. Batchelder and myself wish to extend our hearty thanks to all who assisted in making our Christmas entertainment the best ever.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED P. BATCHELDER,
Superintendent.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

*To the Honorable Board of Commissioners and Citizens of
Belknap County I herewith submit the vital statistics
of Belknap County Farm:*

Deaths	Age	Died	Cause
S. Shabot	77	Nov. 21	Cancer
Frank Davis	65	Feb. 17	Scrofulosis
Louise Foster	66	Jan. 9	Paralysis
Cora Marden	50	Sept. 18	Bright's
Mary L. Twombly	78	Mar. 5	La Grippe
Ira G. Wilkinson	84	Dec. 16	Phthisis Pul
Wm. Fogg	75	July 22	Paralysis
Mary J. Hale	89	Feb. 20	Pneumonia
Orrin Hillard	49	Sept. 25	Bright's
Noah Ward	80	Mar. 10	Phthisis

There were no births during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY C. WELLS.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herein my report as Chaplain of the County Farm for the ten months ending October 31, at which time my removal from the city made my resignation as Chaplain necessary.

The usual religious services have been conducted each month with the exception of July and August, and these ministrations have been made as helpful as possible to the inmates of the Farm. Also by personal touch with them, the Chaplain has sought to give that friendliness and good cheer by which lives are blessed.

During the year there was an unusual amount of sickness resulting in death, as the Superintendent's report will show, and the Chaplain was called upon to officiate at four of these funerals.

The work done with those in the Jail and House of Correction is, of necessity, limited, and yet right there is an opportunity for a work that may be fruitful, a redemption that shall bless mankind.

The fact that the number in both the Jail and House of Correction is so small is a cause of congratulation to Belknap County, and when the State prohibitory law becomes effective we may confidently look for even a less number of law-breakers.

Again the Chaplain would express his sincere appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and co-operation of the Superintendent and his wife in making his work as agreeable as possible, and to count for the most; and for the splendid assistance of the employees of the institution. It is with regret that this fellowship is severed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. PRESCOTT,

Chaplain.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I beg leave to submit herewith a report of this office for the year ending December 31, 1917.

At the March term of court, 1917, only five indictments were found: Two for obtaining money under false pretences, one for breaking and entering and larceny, one for larceny, and one for fraudulent sale. Convictions were obtained and disposition made of all these cases except the last, in which case the respondent has never been located and taken into custody. Of eight old cases standing on the docket at this term, disposition was made of six, by various orders of the court, and the other two were continued to the October term. At this time also three police court appeals were entered, all of which were continued to the October term.

At the October term, 1917, fourteen indictments were found: Two for statutory rape, one for attempted rape, two for larceny, four for burglary, three for attempted robbery, one for adultery, and one for first degree murder. The murder case has recently been disposed of by the court by the imposition of a sentence of life imprisonment upon the plea of the respondent of guilty to murder in the first degree. State prison sentences were imposed in two of the rape cases as well as in the attempted robbery cases. Jail sentences were imposed in one of the burglary cases and in one of the larceny cases, but no disposition has yet been made in five of the indictments, in three of these because the respondents are still at large, in another because the respondent is serving a sentence elsewhere, and the remaining one was continued to the March term, 1918. Two police court appeals were entered at this term, both of which

were continued to the March term. Disposition was also made, by various orders of the court, of eight old cases standing on the docket.

The Supreme court has rendered a decree in the case of the town of Tilton against the city of Concord which I referred to in my last report, the prosecution being made by me at the request of the town of Tilton, in which it is held that a settlement acquired in a town or city is lost, while aid is still being furnished, after ten years from the time the pauper commenced to acquire such settlement, the pauper then becoming a county charge.

The prosecution of wife and child deserters still requires much attention. Every effort is being made to put a stop to this nefarious practice. Otherwise, except for a remarkable era of crime in June and July of 1917, the criminal situation seems constantly to improve. On April 1st, 1917, the law went into effect depriving solicitors of extra compensation for the prosecution of illegal sales of intoxicating liquor. Notwithstanding, this office has continued diligently to look after such cases, and a considerable number of convictions have been made in the police courts. Recently this condition also appears to be improved, due perhaps, however, to the high cost of living.

Respectfully submitted,

FLETCHER HALE,

Solicitor.

SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT.

Ending March 31st, 1917.

Lester Philbrook, 12 days attendance and travel	\$36 12	
Lester Philbrook, 5 days attendance extra session	15 00	
J. H. Lyford, Deputy Sheriff, 10 days attendance and travel	30 72	
D. F. Caverly, Deputy Sheriff, 9 days attendance and travel	28 20	
W. H. Philbrook, Deputy Sheriff, 10 days attendance and travel	30 12	
Mrs. J. A. Clough, meals for jurors	11 20	
Teams conveying prisoners, Oct. Term, 1916	6 00	
Team conveying prisoners, March Term, 1917	1 00	
Paid clergyman	2 00	
		\$160 30

Respectfully submitted,
LESTER PHILBROOK,
Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S REPORT.

To the Board of Commissioners of the County of Belknap:

I herewith submit my report from April 1st, 1917, to
December 31st, 1917.

March Term.

F. D. Elliott, 34 days attendance ..	\$102 00
C. E. Thyng, 20 days attendance and travel	66 40
O. E. Davis, 10 days attendance and travel	42 60
O. A. Plummer, 6 days attendance and travel	24 00

L. B. Woodman, meals for jurors and attendants	21 00	
C. Wah Co., meals for jurors and attendants	8 80	
Page & Bushman, conveying A Per- kins from jail to court	1 00	
		\$265 80

October Term.

F. D. Elliott, 44 days attendance ...	\$132 00	
John Lyford, 29 days attendance and travel	95 40	
C. E. Thyng, 24 days attendance and travel	94 20	
O. E. Davis, 12 days attendance and and travel	52 80	
Rev. E. H. Prescott, attendance at opening court	2 00	
F. D. Elliott, 1 day's attendance, June 25, 1917	3 00	
J. H. Lyford, 1 day's attendance, June 25, 1917, and travel	4 20	
E. H. Hammond, conveying prisoners	18 40	
Albert H. Austin, to State Prison ..	9 62	
Tony Larrie, to State Prison	9 62	
Pete Olans, to State Prison	9 62	
Joseph Barror, to State Prison	9 62	
M. P. Bradford, to State Hospital ..	9 62	
Grace E. Hovey, to Jail on Mittimus	1 90	
H. E. Harrison, to Jail on Mittimus	1 90	
Laconia Tavern, meals for jurors and attendants	31 50	
		\$485 40

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ELLIOTT,

Sheriff.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COURT.

To the Commissioners of the County of Belknap:

I herewith submit my annual report in compliance with the Statute.

March Term, 1917.

Dr.

To fine and cost, State v. Haskell ..	\$31 64
To 132 entries at \$0.90	118 80
To 18 dockets sold	35 00
To one-half cost printing cases	4 75
To balance due clerk	734 44

\$924 63

Cr.

By paid Geo. G. Neal	\$5 83
By paid for large envelopes, etc. ..	1 07
By paid Cutler-Dickie Co.	5 11
By one day's attendance	3 00
By paid Frank Shepard Co.	3 00
By paid F. S. Webster Co.	1 00
By paid indexes, paste, etc.	1 00
By paid pencils	1 50
By paid rubber bands	75
By two days' attendance	6 00
By paid for pens	3 00
By paid for typewriter ribbon	1 00
By recording judgments, March term, 1916	81 82
By two days' attendance	6 00
By twenty-five divorce returns, Oct. term, 1916	2 50
By paid for carbon paper	1 50
By paid Laconia Post Office	10 00
By paid 9 State entries	2 70
By paid Laconia Press Asso.	149 85

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By paid one-half annual allowance	500 00
By 46 days attendance	138 00

 \$924 63
October Term, 1917.

Dr.

To 150 entries \$0.90	\$135 00
To 16 dockets sold	32 00
To one-half printing cases	2 00
To balance due clerk	686 11

 \$855 11

Cr.

By paid G. G. Neal	\$2 00
By paid express	26
By paid E. G. Baker	3 25
By paid F. S. Webster Co.	1 00
By one day's attendance	3 00
By paid for ink	1 25
By paid for annotations	1 00
By paid for typewriter ribbon	1 00
By paid for rubber stamps	1 24
By 23 divorce returns March term, 1917	2 30
By paid F. S. Webster Co.	1 00
By paid for postage stamps	15 00
By paid for paste, etc.	1 30
By paid Geo. G. Neal	2 07
By paid four copias	4 00
By paid eight mittimus	8 00
By paid 16 entries, State	4 80
By paid Laconia Press Asso.	170 64
By one-half annual allowance	500 00
By 44 days attendance	132 00

 \$855 11

E. P. THOMPSON,

Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

Gentlemen:—The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the County of Belknap as shown by the books of the Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917:

Receipts.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1917 \$500 36

County Taxes.

Alton	\$2,075 38
Barnstead	1,264 06
Belmont	1,383 56
Center Harbor	1,094 25
Gilford	1,320 67
Gilmanton	943 31
Laconia	15,478 89
Meredith	2,635 13
New Hampton	893 00
Sanbornton	1,201 16
Tilton	3,710 59
	\$32,000 00

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Notes sold	\$19,000 00
County of Grafton, support of Holmes children	122 85
Lumber sold by County Commis- sioner	1,000 00
County Commissioners, refund, J. Ledwidge	16 46
Fire insurance, repairs to court house	409 00
Refund, aid rendered James Ross ..	62 14
County of Merrimack, care of pau- pers	8 00

County Commissioners, care of transient	93 92	
County Commissioners, wood sold ..	9 00	
		\$20,721 37

State License Commission.

For balance of year ending April 30,		
1917	\$261 77	
For fifty percent available funds from May 1, 1917, to July 15,		
1917	265 12	
		\$526 89

Receipts from County Farm.

A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	\$100 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	550 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	770 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	680 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	110 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	200 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	160 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	250 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	150 00	
A. P. Batchelder, Supt., for board and merchandise sold	860 84	
		\$3,830 84
		\$57,579 46

Summary of Receipts.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1917	\$500 36
County taxes	32,000 00
Miscellaneous receipts	20,721 37
State License Commission	526 89
Receipts from County Farm	3,830 84
	\$57,579 46

Expenditures.

Amount of orders drawn by Com-	
missioners, Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan.	
1, 1918	\$34,219 38
Unpaid orders of 1916 paid in 1917	14 59
	\$34 233 97

Court Orders Paid.

Lizzie H. Sanborn	\$68 00
Jonathan C. Shannon	223 52
Arthur C. S. Randlett	239 62
Stephen L. Weeks	216 86
Lena E. Riel	15 00
Stanton Owen	5 00
Jonathan C. Shannon	234 36
Arthur C. S. Randlett	252 11
Stephen L. Weeks	250 52
Lizzie H. Sanborn	43 18
Lester Philbrook	160 36
Margaret A. Conway	92 21
E. P. Thompson	734 44
Frederick D. Elliott	265 80
E. P. Thompson	10 00
E. P. Thompson	5 00
Lizzie H. Sanborn	270 90
Walter C. Wyatt	143 14
A. C. S. Randlett	242 19
Stephen L. Weeks	192 78

Lizzie H. Sanborn	48 20
Stephen L. Weeks	205 00
A. C. S. Randlett	237 75
Walter C. Wyatt	155 26
F. E. Normandin	50 00
E. P. Thompson	686 11
E. H. Shannon	15 00
Frank P. Tilton	125 00
Frederick D. Elliott	485 40
Lizzie H. Sanborn	222 80

 \$5,895 51

Court Expenses.

Grand Jurors pay roll, March term	\$75 72
Petit Jurors pay roll, March term	1,927 84
Grand Jurors pay roll, Oct. term..	135 72
Petit Jurors pay roll, Oct. term....	1,269 49
Petit Jurors pay roll, Oct. term	13 92

 \$3,422 69

Pay roll State vs. Daniel O'Brian ...	\$20 60
Pay roll State vs. Jack Kane	25 51
Pay roll State vs. Edward Fues	11 60
Pay roll State vs. C. W. Randlett ...	40 00
Pay roll State vs. Hugh Tucker	7 18
Pay roll State vs. Edward Fues	3 95
Pay roll State vs. Clyde Clifford	7 56
Pay roll State vs. Amos Parent.....	7 56
Pay roll State vs. Stewart E. White	11 62
Pay roll State vs. Intoxicating Liquor	45 00
Pay roll State vs. Miscellaneous	20 73
Pay roll State vs. Miscellaneous	2 50
Pay roll State vs. Joseph E. Barron	51 44
Pay roll State vs. Peter Olam and Tony Lorry	46 30
Pay roll State vs. Marie P. Bradford	86 26

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Pay roll State vs. Frank Warren ..	11 49
Pay roll State vs. Roy F. Colby	21 89
Pay roll State vs. Albert H. Austin	28 66
Pay roll State vs. Grace Hovey	11 78
Pay roll State vs. Harold E. Harrison	14 30
Pay roll State vs. H. L. Jackson and Lizzie M. Chase	16 24
Pay roll State vs. Intoxicating Liquor	30 00
Pay roll State vs. Guy D. Sanborn ..	9 37
Pay roll State vs. Miscellaneous	239 18
Pay roll State vs. Carroll C. Shannon	9 72
Pay roll State vs. Gertrude E. Hall	14 57
Pay roll State vs. Arthur Lawrence ..	9 45
	\$804 46

Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Notes and interest paid	\$5,885 00
	\$5,885 00
	\$50,241 63

Recapitulation.

Total amount of receipts	\$57,579 46
Amount paid orders of commissioners	\$34,233 97
Amount of court orders paid	5,895 51
Paid court expenses	4,227 15
Paid notes and interest	5,885 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1918	7,337 83
	\$57,579 46

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES J. HAYFORD,
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, BELKNAP, SS.
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT:—

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the several officers of the County of Belknap for the six months ending June 30, 1917; that said accounts appear to be properly kept, correctly cast and well vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased appear to be according to the local current market price and value; that according to the best of our information, knowledge and belief all of such articles and merchandise have been used for the benefit of the county; that the charges for the services and expenses of the county commissioners appear reasonable; and that the commissioners have filed with us a sworn statement which in substance is that all bills against the county except such as will not be due until the next settlement have been paid.

Dated at Laconia, N. H., this 3rd day of July, 1917.

OSCAR L. YOUNG,
HERBERT J. JONES,
Auditors of Belknap County.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, BELKNAP, SS.
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT:—

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined all of the accounts of the several county officers for the six months ending December 31, 1917, and we find said accounts well and correctly kept, and properly vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to market value; that according to the best of our

judgment and belief all of such articles have been used for the benefit of the county; that charges for services and expenses of the commission appear correct and reasonable; that the treasurer has proper vouchers for all payments made by him, which agree with the orders drawn by the commissioners and the pay rolls and orders drawn and approved by the court; and we further certify that the commissioners have filed with us a sworn statement of the indebtedness of the county, which is submitted herewith.

Dated at Laconia this ninth day of January, 1918.

OSCAR L. YOUNG,
HERBERT J. JONES,
Auditors.

COUNTY CONVENTION

The County Convention shall consist of the representatives of the county. Pub. Statutes, Chap. 24, Sec. 3.

Proceedings of the County Convention.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 10, 1917.

The Belknap County Convention assembled in room No. 155 at the State House for the purpose of organizing, with the following members present: Messrs. Dodge, Wright, Shannon, Clough, Whitney, Cotton, Morrill, Sanborn, Page, Johnson, Spring, Lowe, Seaverns, Sanborn, Munsey, Whittier, Leavitt, Torsey, Tilton and Pearson.

The Convention proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:

Temporary Chairman Edwin H. Shannon

Temporary Clerk Frank E. Pearson

The Convention then balloted for permanent chairman. Robert M. Wright of Sanbornton was elected. Frank E. Pearsons of Laconia was elected permanent clerk.

Voted to adjourn.

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 30, 1917.

The Belknap County Convention convened in room No. 156 at 1.30 P. M., with the following members present: Clough, Whitney, Cotton, Sanborn, Page, Dodge, Lowe, Shannon, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn, Munsey, Whitten, Leavitt, Torsey, Wright, Page and Tilton.

The County Commissioners were present.

Chairman Arthur C. S. Randlett addressed the delegation relative to the needs of the county for the ensuing two

years and recommended that the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars and thirty-one thousand dollars be appropriated for the years 1917 and 1918, respectively, based on the following estimates:

For the year 1917:

Poor off County Farm	\$8,500 00
Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail	9,500 00
Court Orders and Expenses	9,000 00
Court House	2,300 00
Farm Bureau	1,200 00
County Officers, paid by Court	950 00
Medical Referee	150 00
Miscellaneous	400 00

\$32,000 00

For year 1918:

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Court Orders and Expenses	9,000 00
Court House	2,300 00
Farm Bureau	1,200 00
County Officers, paid by Court	950 00
Medical Referee	150 00
Miscellaneous	400 00

\$31,000 00

Respectfully submitted,
 ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT,
 STEPHEN L. WEEKS,
 JONATHAN C. SHANNON,
 Commissioners of Belknap County.

Messrs. Dodge, Clough, Tilton, Pearson and Whitney made inquiry and remarks as to the county's business and finances.

Further information was given by Messrs. Weeks and Shannon of the Board of Commissioners.

Voted that the Board of Commissioners be authorized to dispose of the lumber on the lot owned by the county in Meredith.

Voted to adjourn.

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 20, 1917.

The Belknap County Convention met in room No. 156 at the State House with Chairman Wright presiding.

The following members were absent: Messrs. Clough, Sanborn, Leavitt and Morrill.

The Convention voted to meet the Belknap County Bar Association at the Court House in Laconia on March 9, 1917, at 9 A. M., to hear the report of the committee from the above organization in regard to changes in the present structure and the proposed purchase of more land.

The Convention also voted to accept the invitation of the Commissioners to dine with Supt. and Mrs. Batchelder at the County Farm on the same day.

Voted to adjourn.

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., March 7, 1917.

At a meeting of the Convention presided over by Chairman Wright the open season for hunting deer in Belknap county was discussed and it was the opinion of those present that the season should be extended from Nov. 15th to

Dec. 16th and that hunters should be allowed to use rifles. The following members were present: Messrs. Cotton, Sanborn, Page, Dodge, Johnson, Spring, Lowe, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn, Munsey, Leavitt, Torsey and Wright.

Voted to adjourn.

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Laconia, N. H., March 9, 1917.

County Delegation met at the Court House in Laconia on above date, the following members being present: Messrs. Clough, Cotton, Sanborn, Page, Spring, Johnson, Lowe, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn, Munsey, Leavitt, Torsey and Tilton.

In the absence of Chairman Wright, Clerk Pearson called the meeting to order and the convention chose Major Charles E. Tilton temporary chairman.

Col. Stephen S. Jewett, Chairman of the Belknap County Bar Association, addressed the delegation in regard to the need of more room in the Offices of Register of Deeds and Register of Probate, and recommended that the county purchase land and build a separate building east of the Court House for the Register of Deeds.

Judge Frank P. Tilton advocated an addition to the present structure and George B. Cox spoke in favor of an addition.

Judge F. M. Beckford addressed the meeting in regard to the lack of room in the Court House; also Rep. Spring spoke along the same lines.

Architect Albert H. Dow submitted estimates of a separate building at \$31,000.00 and an addition to the present building of \$33,000.00, both estimates meaning fireproof construction. After remarks by several others, adjournment was made to the County Farm for dinner. The

buildings and stock were inspected by the delegation. Commissioner Randlett called the delegation to order in the dining room and spoke in regard to the needs of the county for the coming two years.

Clerk of Court Edwin P. Thompson addressed the meeting in regard to the increase in court expenses in the future.

Leland M. James said he thought the County Agent should have an increase in salary of \$300 annually.

Rep. E. H. Shannon spoke about the fixed expenses of the county, saying that they could not be avoided and in his opinion it was better to pay as you go.

Harry E. Morrison of Orford, Commissioner of Grafton county, made remarks about the increased cost of help and provisions used by counties and thought counties should have increased appropriations on that account.

Clerk of Court Thompson spoke further in relation to court expenses, saying that during his thirty-two years' connection with the court he had noticed that there was increased cost in maintaining the court. The witness fees and pay of jurors had increased and he thought the appropriation recommended by the Commissioners would all be needed, but if it was not all needed the balance would keep for the next year.

Rep. Tilton asked for information in regard to the price and quantity of coal.

On motion of Pearson a vote of thanks was extended to Supt. and Mrs. Batchelder and the Commissioners for the excellent dinner served.

On motion of Rep. Tilton, it was voted to adjourn.

F. E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., March 28, 1917.

The Belknap County Delegation met at 10 A. M., Chairman Wright presiding. Messrs. Merrill, Shannon and Torsey were absent.

Rep. Spring spoke to the delegation relative to the need of installing sprinklers in the Court House at Laconia so that the county might have the benefit of reduced insurance rates.

F. E. Pearson talked about the same matter.

On motion of Mr. Dodge of Laconia the chair appointed a committee consisting of Spring and Sanborn of Laconia and Tilton of Tilton to look into the question of insurance and the cost of placing a sprinkler system in the Court House.

Mr. Dodge then addressed the delegation in relation to the purchase of more land near the Court House.

On motion of Rep. Clough of Alton it was voted to refer the matter of acquiring more land and making changes at the Court House to the delegation of the next legislature.

Mr. Page of Gilmanton brought up the matter of appropriation. He said that the delegation should come prepared next week to take final action in the matter.

Remarks were made by Mr. Dodge on the same subject; also as to the need of better fire protection at the Court House.

Rep. Clough made inquiries and remarks along the same lines.

On motion of Mr. Lowe it was voted to adjourn.

F. E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., April 3, 1917.

A meeting of the delegation convened on the above date, presided over by Chairman Wright.

Roll call of members showed 18 present and Royal L. Page, Leonard B. Morrill and William R. Clough absent. The chairman addressed the Delegation regarding the appropriation, sprinkler proposition and jurors' room at the Court House. Rep. Shannon spoke about matters pertaining to the appropriation.

Mr. Dodge was of the opinion that the appropriation should not exceed \$28,000 per year.

The meeting then adjourned until 3 P. M.

The adjourned meeting assembled at 3 P. M.

Mr. Shannon brought up the matter of appropriation and moved that \$32,000 be raised for the expenses of Belknap county for the year 1917. The motion was seconded. Rep. Dodge offered an amendment to the motion by substituting \$28,000 in place of \$32,000.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Dodge then moved that the meeting adjourn until 9.45. A division of the meeting was called for, resulting in 6 voting for and 11 against adjournment.

The delegation then voted to appropriate \$32,000 for the calendar year 1917, eight members voting for and five against the proposition.

Mr. Shannon then moved that we appropriate \$31,000 for the year 1918. Mr. Dodge moved for an amendment, asking that the amount be made \$30,000. The amendment was lost. The delegation then voted to make the appropriation for 1918 \$31,000.

Mr. Wright recommended that the County Commissioners install a suitable sprinkler system in the Court House.

On motion of Mr. Shannon the meeting then adjourned.

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

Concord, N. H., April 10, 1917.

At a meeting of the delegation in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture today, Chairman Wright presiding, the following members were present: Messrs. Clough, Cotton, Sanborn, Johnson, Spring, Lowe, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn, Munsey and Whitten.

The following resolution regarding the County Agent's salary was read: "Resolved, That the sum of \$1,200.00 be paid each year from the amount voted for current expenses of the county for the calendar years 1917 and 1918 for the support of the County Agent and the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to pay over such sums to the Belknap County Farmers' Association." The resolution was adopted.

Voted to adjourn.

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

A true record: Attest:

FRANK E. PEARSON, Clerk.

A true copy of record: Attest:

STEPHEN L. WEEKS, Clerk of Commissioners.

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